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- 1. SAMORUKOV'S REFERENCE TO THE "ALBANY" CORRIDOR (PARA 7 REF A) APPARENTLY RELATES TO AIRWAY USED BY AEROFLOT IN SERVING MONTREAL (REF B). DEPT INFORMED THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT FAA ACTIONS ON THIS MATTER. FAA DELIVERED REVISED OPERATION SPECIFICATIONS TO AEROFLOT LAST OCTOBER, WHICH CLEARLY STIPULATED ENTRY POINTS OVER BOSTON AND NANTUCKET.
- 2. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT CURRENTLY BOSTON-NANTUCKET ARE PRIMARILY POINTS FOR OUTWARD/EASTBOUND AIRCRAFT LEAVING THE US. THUS, ROUTING AEROFLOT OVER THESE POINTS ON INCOMING FLIGHTS IS INCONVENIENT AND POSES AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND SEVERAL AEROFLOT FLIGHTS H; VE BEEN ROUTED OVER HYANNISPORT IN RECENT MONTHS.

3. DEPT HAS NO PARTICULAR DESIRE TO SEE AEROFLOT OPERATE ONLY OVER BOSTON/NANTUCKET, BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN RECIPROCITY WITH SOVIET TREATMENT OF PAN AM AND RESTRICTIONS ON OVERFLIGHT OF SENSITIVE TERRITORY. WE UNDERSTAND ALTER-

NATIVE ROUTINGS FOR AEROFLOT ARE CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY

THE FAA.

- 4. CONCERNING AEROFLOT'S CHARTERS, AT PRESENT TIME SOVIETS HAVE TO APPLY IN WRITING ONLY FOR OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CHARTERS BEING OPERATED BY AEROFLOT THROUGH JUNE. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STILL INTERESTED IN CHARTER MARKET AND ARE REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL WITH US TOUR AGENTS.
- 5. IF SOVIET OBSTACLES TO CHARTERS BECOME PARTICULARLY ONEROUS, MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN TO REQUIRE ALL AEROFLOT CHARTER APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAB FOR REVIEW. SINCE SOVIETS APPARENTLY DO NOT PLAN TO OPERATE CHARTERS THIS SUMMER, US DOES NOT HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF LEVERAGE IN THIS AREA DURING CRUCIAL PERIOD FOR PAN AM'S CHARTERS. CHRISTOPHER

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